

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER SHUFFLE THREES TO FACE NEWPORT

JOHN TAYLOR IN THE CENTRE

Gloucester Rugby Club will be trying a rather experimental threequarter line when they encounter the might of Newport – last season's "side of the year" – at Kingsholm on Saturday (3.15).

John Taylor, who normally plays on the wing, is switched into the centre and playing outside him will be Michael Baker.

Roy Blair will be on the other wing playing outside to Roy Sutton.

This combination of three-quarters has not been seen in action before and local fans will be particularly interested to see how effective it is likely to prove against Newport.

HALLS AT FULL-BACK

The full-back position will be filled by Trevor Halls, Bill Hook being still unfit when the team was selected on Tuesday.

Gordon Hudson returns to the pack and, on last Saturday's performance, Peter Ford is preferred to Dennis Ibbotson in the other wing forward position.

As an attraction the Newport fixture ranks second only to the Cardiff one and a very big crowd is expected at Kingsholm, including many Newport supporters.

At the present time Newport have the best record of any first-class club in Britain. They have won 27 games, drawn one and lost 6 and have scored 498 points against 144.

Extra seats will be provided inside the rails, and season ticket holders are asked to be in their places in the grandstand by 2.50 p.m.

Gloucester : T. Halls; M. Baker, J. Taylor, R. Sutton, R. Blair; W. B. Cartmell, V. Davies; G. Hastings, C. Thomas, A. Wadley, J. Watkins (capt.), H. G. Wells, P. Ford, R. Hodge, G. Hudson.
Ninth forward: B. Hudson.

UNITED BID FOR RECORD

If Gloucester United win their away fixture with Newport Athletic – a tough task – they will set up a new record number of victories in a season.

For this game United will still be without their regular hooker, Brian Lane, who is unfit, and the position will again be filled by Fred Daniels.

The kick-off will be at 4.30, after the schoolboy international match.

Gloucester United: D. Heath; E. Turner, D. Hill, D. Gladwin, R. Beamish; W. Burrows, B. Reade; R. Parry, F. Daniels, R. Stowers, R. Redman, I. Ryder, J. Embling, I. Jones (capt.), D. Ibbotson.
Ninth forward to travel; T. Oakes.